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We hereby sanction the Official Organization of the
Greater East Asia Construction Commission and cause it to
be promulgated.

The Imperial signature and seal.

This 20th day of February in the
17th year of Showa (1942),

TOJO, Hideki
The Prime Minister.

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Imperial Ordinance

No. 95

Official Organization Of The Greater
East Asia Construction Commission

Article 1: The Greater East Asia Construction Commission shall come under the supervision of the Prime Minister and, in response to the Prime Minister's inquiry and consultation, investigate into, and deliberate on important matters relating to the construction of Greater East Asia (excepting military and diplomatic affairs).

The Greater East Asia Construction Commission may make recommendations to the Prime Minister in regard to matters referred to in the foregoing paragraph.

Article 2: The Greater East Asia Construction Commission shall consist of one president and less than forty members.

Article 3: The Prime Minister shall be the President of the Commission.

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The members of the Commission shall be appointed by Imperial Order from among persons of scholastic attainments and experience.

Article 4. The term of membership shall be two years; however, a member may be dropped from the membership when specific reasons for such action exist.

Article 5. The president shall preside over the affairs of the Commission. When circumstances prevent the President from performing his duties a Minister of State nominated by the Prime Minister shall act in his place.

Article 6. When deemed necessary, the Prime Minister may set up committees in the Greater East Asia construction Commission, each to take partial charge of the affairs of the Commission. A committee shall have a chairman. Such chairman shall be a Minister of State nominated by the Prime Minister. Member of the committees shall be designated by the President.

Article 7. The Ministers of State may, at any time, be present at the meetings of the Commission and state their views.

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Article 8: When deemed necessary, the Prime Minister may have technical members or other appropriate persons present at a meeting of the Commission and have their opinions expressed.

Article 9: In order to investigate special matters, technical committees may be set up within the Greater East Asia Construction Commission. After the Prime Minister submits to the Throne names for a technical committee from among the high officials of the government agencies concerned or among persons of scholastic attainments and experience, the Cabinet shall appoint these men to the committee. When a technical committee completes the study on its specific assignment, it shall be dissolved.

Article 10: The Greater East Asia Construction Commission shall have a Chief Secretary, Secretaries and Assistant Secretaries. The President of the Planning Board shall be appointed Chief Secretary. After the Prime Minister submits to the Throne names for Secretaries from among the high officials of the government agencies concerned or among persons of scholastic attainments and experience, the Cabinet shall appoint these men as Secretaries. After the Prime Minister submits to the Throne names

for Assistant Secretaries from among the high officials of the government agencies concerned, the Cabinet shall appoint those men as Assistant Secretaries. By order of higher offices, the Chief Secretary, Secretary, Secretaries, and Assistant Secretaries shall study and make plans for the Commission.

Article 11: The Planning Board shall manage the general affairs of the Greater East Asia Construction Commission. The Assistant Secretaries shall assist in the management of the said general affairs. Other necessary matters pertaining to the Greater East Asia Construction Commission. Which are not provided for in this ordinance shall be decided by the Prime Minister.

Supplementary Provision

This ordinance shall come into force on and after the day of its promulgation.

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I, SATO, Asao, who occupy the post of Secretary of the Cabinet, hereby certify that the document hereto attached, written in Japanese, consisting of 4 pages and entitled "Official Organization of the Greater East Asia Construction Commission" is an exact and true copy of excerpts from an official document in the custody of the Japanese Government (The Secretariate of the Cabinet).

Certified at Tokyo,

On this 12th day of July, 1946,

(signed) SATO, Asao
(Seal)

I hereby certify that the above signature and seal were affixed hereto in the presence of the witness.

At the same place,
On the same date,

Witness: (Signed) IGAWA, Kokuichi
(Seal)